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Tommy G. Thompson
Governor

Terrence D. Mulcahy, P.E.
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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, I encourage you to support House Resolution 3700, the "High Speed Rail Investment Act of 2000." This legislation will establish a long-term, dedicated source of federal funding for intercity passenger rail without impacting existing federal highway, aviation, or transit funding sources.

Enactment of HR 3700 will allow Wisconsin and eight other Midwestern states to fully implement the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, a long term blueprint to create a 3,000 mile network of 110 MPH passenger rail services. The legislation will also allow many other states throughout the nation to experience the economic, social, and environmental benefits of passenger rail service.

In Wisconsin, we are fully committed to funding the Midwest Rail project through a federal-state partnership. Governor Tommy Thompson has committed \$50 million of state bonding to construct the initial Milwaukee-Madison segment of Midwest Rail. We now seek the appropriate federal funding available through HR 3700.

If you have questions about HR 3700 and its benefits for Wisconsin, please feel free to call me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Terrence D. Mulcahy".

Terrence D. Mulcahy, P.E.
Secretary